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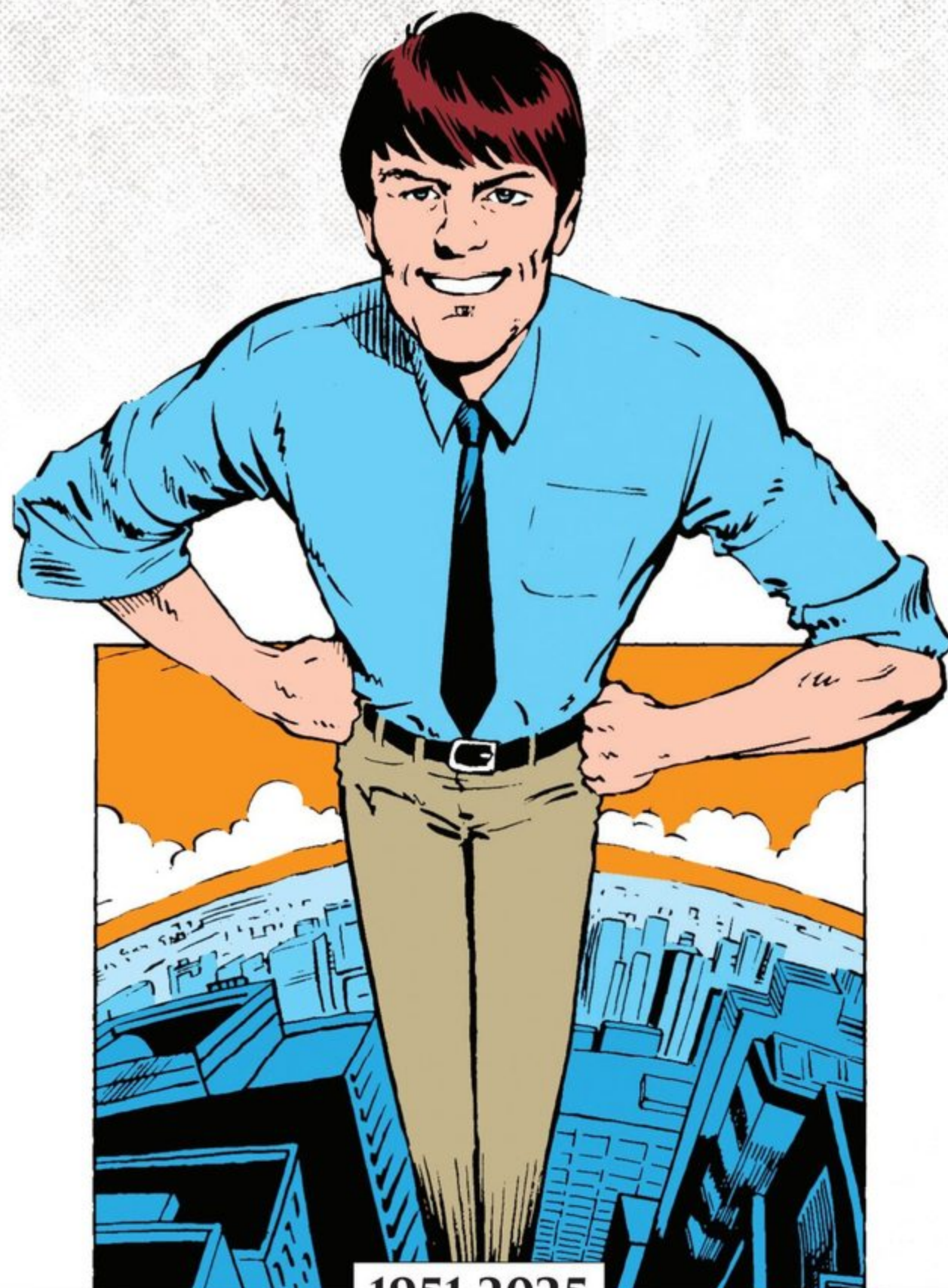
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JIM SHOOTER



1951-2025

Marvel remembers the life and career of Jim Shooter, a giant of the comics industry. Jim began his career in comics at the age of 14 writing DC's Legion of Super Heroes in *Action Comics*. He came to Marvel in 1976 and quickly moved up to become editor in chief, holding that position from 1978 to 1987. He brought new ideas and processes to the company, creating an editorial structure and supportive initiatives for creators that are still in place today.

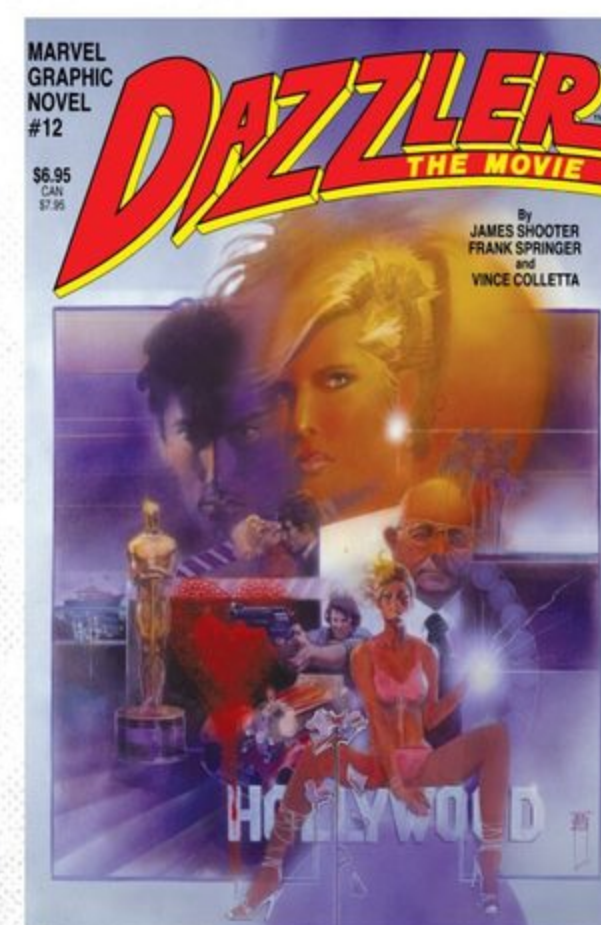
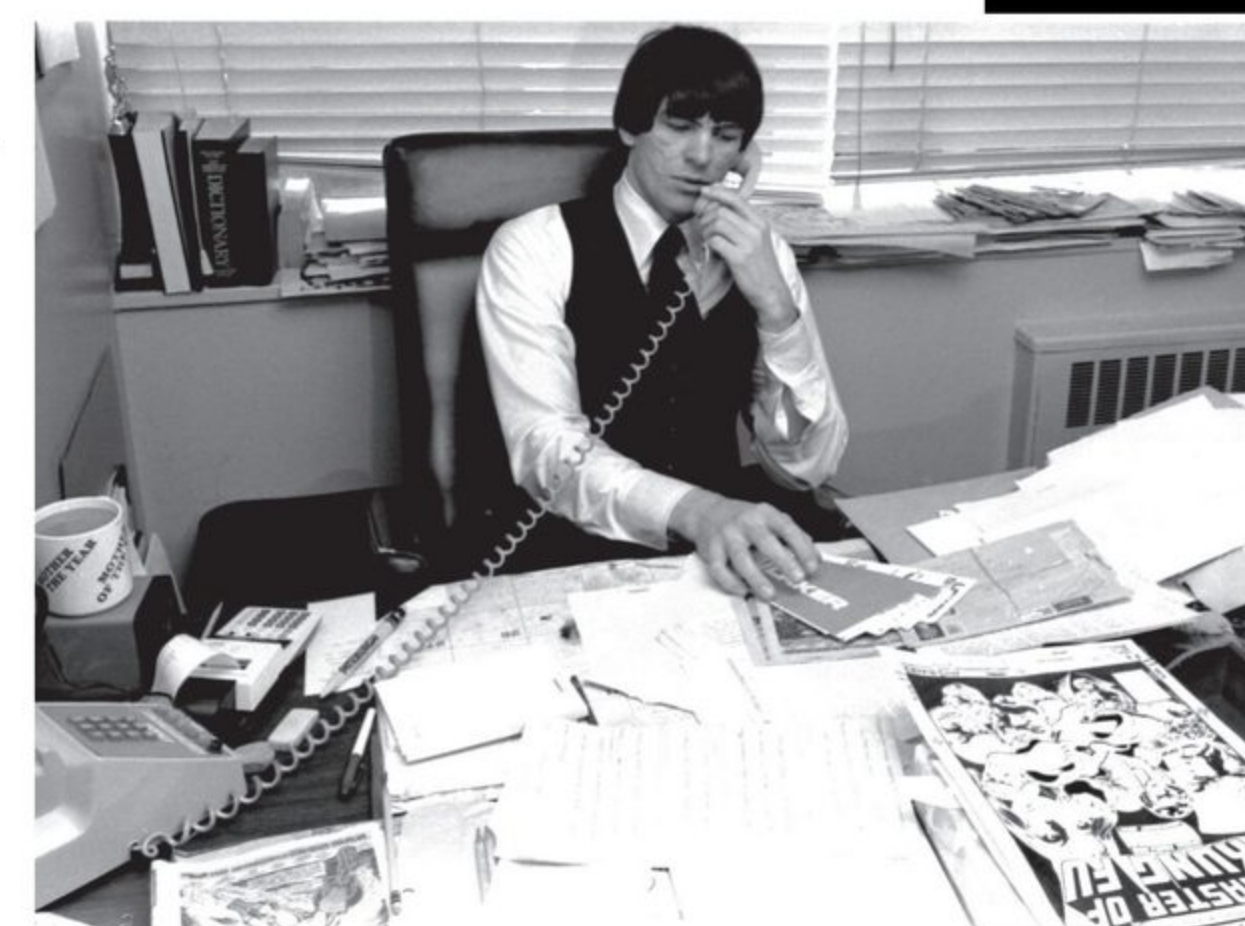
Under his tenure, Marvel released classic stories such as Jim Starlin's *Death of Captain Marvel*, Walter Simonson's *Thor*, Frank Miller's *Daredevil* and Chris Claremont's *X-Men*. His *Secret Wars* limited series also went on to usher in an era of event comics and company-wide crossovers.

After leaving Marvel, he would go on to lead three other comic book companies and continue writing and making convention appearances. Shooter profoundly affected the comics industry, and his undeniable legacy will not be forgotten.



"The modern comic book industry would not be the same without Jim Shooter's contributions as a writer, editor and editor in chief. He left an indelible mark on our business, both creatively and culturally, and so many of us are where we are today thanks to Jim bringing Marvel to such prominence in the '80s. I met Jim for the first time when I was 13 years old and last saw him in the summer of 2022, where I was able to tell him how much his efforts meant to me and so many fans, and how it was an honor to be following in his footsteps. Rest in peace, Jim."

— C.B. CEBULSKI, EDITOR IN CHIEF



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**“THERE ALONE WAS THOR WITH ANGER SWOLLEN.
HE SELDOM SITS, WHEN OF THE LIKE HE HEARS.”**

**- FROM “VÖLUSPÂ, THE VALA’S PROPHECY,”
THE ELDER EDDAS OF SAEMUND SIGFUSSON**



Something's missing.
Don't you *feel* it?

You can't remember what it
was, but you know it's *gone*.
Things have changed, and
they won't be the same again.

Kristin Seok can feel
it, like everyone else...



...but nobody else has
tried to draw it yet.

Kristin's the
first.

That's probably why
I decided she'd make
a good neighbor.



WHO...?

That and the first aid kit.

And the drill. And the bungee cord coiled up and forgotten in her wardrobe.

HI! IT'S ME, RIDDLE PERSON. AND LOOK WHO ELSE I'VE FOUND!

HE'S NOT IN VERY GOOD SHAPE. MIND LOOKING AFTER HIM? THANKS.

SIGURD?

UM. HELLO, KRISTIN.

I AM SORRY TO BOTHER YOU?

IS--IS THAT A STAB WOUND...?

But those aren't part of the story. Not yet.

DON'T ASK ME--HE WAS WALKING UP THE STREET LIKE THAT.

HAVE FUN!

HEY, WAIT--YOU CAN'T JUST--



Not until the pieces come together.

I AM SORRY--LUCKY SAID YOU COULD HELP. I CAN LEAVE, IF YOU...

JUST-- JUST SIT DOWN OVER HERE ON THE COUCH, OKAY?



I'M GOING TO GET YOU SOME ANTISEPTIC FOR THE CUTS, BUT AFTER THAT, I'M CALLING THE HOSPITAL--

I CAN NOT AFFORD HOSPITAL. IF YOU HAVE NEEDLE AND THREAD, I CAN SEW MY OWN WOUNDS.

WHAT IS THIS...?



SEW YOUR OWN...? WHAT ARE YOU, A SURGEON IN YOUR SECRET LIFE?

WHERE'S THAT FIRST AID KIT...?

KRISTIN?



THIS DRAWING ON YOUR NETTBRETT--WHAT IS THE ENGLISH? LIKE A BIG PHONE.

MY DRAWING TABLET. WHAT ABOUT IT?



...

IS THIS ME?





THAT JOB
YOU SAID MIGHT
BE SHADY?

IT
WAS VERY
SHADY.



STRIKEBREAKING.
I SAID TO THEM,
NO.

I HAD
WORDS WITH
THEM.



THE FOREMAN, THIS MAN
FROM ROXXON...HE HAD A
MOTORCYCLE GANG
FOR SECURITY.

WHEN I LEFT,
THEY FOLLOWED
ME.



THEY TRIED
TO KILL ME.
FOR TALKING
BACK.

FOR
SAYING NO.

JESUS.
WHAT...WHAT
DID YOU
DO?



I FOUGHT.

TWO OF
THEM, I
KNOCKED DOWN.
HARD.

THE
THIRD...





SO, ARE YOU CALLING THE COPS, OR...?

I DO NOT KNOW IF THAT IS SO GOOD AN IDEA. I THINK THEY WOULD ARREST ME--AND I HAVE NO LAWYER.

ROXXON HAS A LOT OF LAWYERS, I THINK.



YEAH, THAT'S PROBABLY HOW IT'D GO.

LISTEN, WHERE DID YOU LEARN TO STITCH UP A CUT LIKE THAT? I WAS JOKING ABOUT YOU BEING A SURGEON, BUT...

I DO NOT KNOW.

I JUST... KNOW.



RIGHT. YOUR AMNESIA THING.

LOOK...KEEP THE FIRST AID KIT--YOU CAN USE IT BETTER THAN I CAN. JUST GET SOME REST, OKAY?

YOU HAVE BEEN VERY KIND TO ME, KRISTIN.



IT'S KRIS. AND REALLY, SIG, ANYTHING YOU NEED. WE'RE NEIGHBORS.

WELL...I DO NOT LIKE TO ASK. BUT THERE ARE THINGS I MUST DO.

UH, IN MY APARTMENT, I MEAN.



I WOULD NEED TO BORROW A DRILL, AND... THIS WILL SOUND STRANGE, I KNOW...

...BUT IF YOU HAVE SOME ELASTIC PERHAPS...OR THIN ROPE...



...
LIKE A BUNGEE CORD?

Another piece, coming together.

Don't you feel it?

The Rough House is *upstate*. Getting there takes four hours on the subway and then by bus.

Lots of time for Sigurd Jarlson to think *better* of what he's about to do...but he *doesn't*. Something won't let him.

Something *dead*, beginning to wake to life. A *seed* bursting. A *green shoot* in the depths of winter snow.

A change of the season.

SO GUS AND BIG ED ARE ON LIFE SUPPORT...?

BIG ED'S ON LIFE SUPPORT, BOSS.

GUS JUST HAS A FRACTURED SKULL.

RIGHT, RIGHT. **BIG ED'S** THE ONE THIS GUY HIT SO HARD HE MIGHT NOT SEE **TOMORROW**.

GUS--WHO I'VE KNOWN SINCE I WAS A KID-- HE ONLY HAD HIS **BRAINPAN** SMASHED IN.

HE'S JUST CATCHING A LITTLE **BEAUTY SLEEP**.



BOSS...
I...

TWO OF OUR **BROTHERS**, KEVIN. **HEADS BUSTED OPEN. BLEEDING IN THE RAIN.**

WHILE YOU **RAN AWAY**.



I GOTTA WONDER WHAT **THOR** WOULD SAY ABOUT THAT.



"YOU THINK HE'D BE **HAPPY?**"

THE **ROUGH HOUSE**

THUNDERGODS
MR. PRIVATE
-NO ADMITTANCE-
THIS MEANS YOU





BOSS,
I--HE HAD
A HAMMER,
MAN--

AND
YOU HAD A
KNIFE.

YOU A
COWARD, KEVIN?
IS THAT IT?



'CAUSE
COWARDS DON'T
GO TO
VALHALLA.

DO
THEY?



BOSS--
COME ON, MAN,
PLEASE.

PLEASE.



OKAY. HERE'S
WHAT'S GONNA
HAPPEN.

THAT SWEDISH
FISH IS PROBABLY
COVERING IN WHATEVER
DUMP HE *LIVES* IN RIGHT
NOW. THINKING HE'S *SAFE*
IN THAT RATHOLE OF
A CITY.

WE'RE GONNA
PUT THE WORD
OUT. *BIG GUY*, HAIR
LIKE A *GIRL*,
FOREIGN.



SOMEBODY'S GONNA
KNOW HIM. SOMEBODY'S
GONNA HELP US *FIND*
HIM. AND *THEN*?

WE DON'T KILL
HIM. WE KILL HIS *FRIENDS*.
HIS *NEIGHBORS*. HIS *DOG*.
WE TAKE ALL
HE HAS.

WE TEACH HIM
THE *RULE OF THOR*.



"*THOR IS*
COMING." HE
ACTUALLY SAID
THAT TO
YOU?

HE'S
GONNA DIE
UGLY--



WE PUT THE **SIGN** OUT, RIGHT? TOP BRASS ONLY TONIGHT.

ANYBODY EXPECTING COMPANY?

COULD BE MITCH'S COUSIN...



GO SEE IF IT'S MERLE. IF IT AIN'T, TEACH 'EM A LESSON ABOUT INTERRUPTING.

THINK YOU CAN HANDLE THAT, KEVIN?

S-SURE.



RIGHT. WE'RE GONNA BRING THE STORM DOWN ON THIS LITTLE PRINCESS. WE'RE GONNA TEACH HIM WHAT THOR MEANS. WHO THOR IS.

GOD OF THE STORM. GOD OF WILL AND POWER. GOD OF STRENGTH!

AND STRENGTH WINS IN THIS WORLD. IT'S NOT LOVE OR PEACE OR ANY OF THE WEAK CRAP THE MORALISTS SAY.

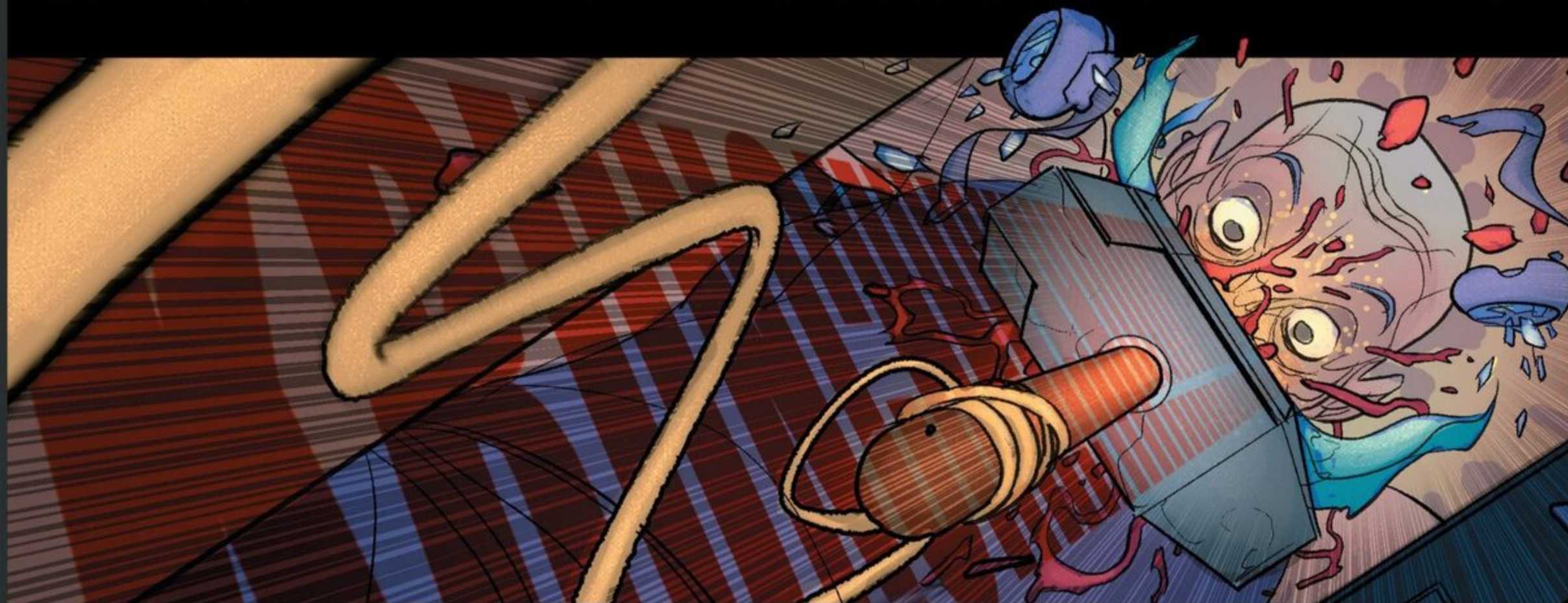
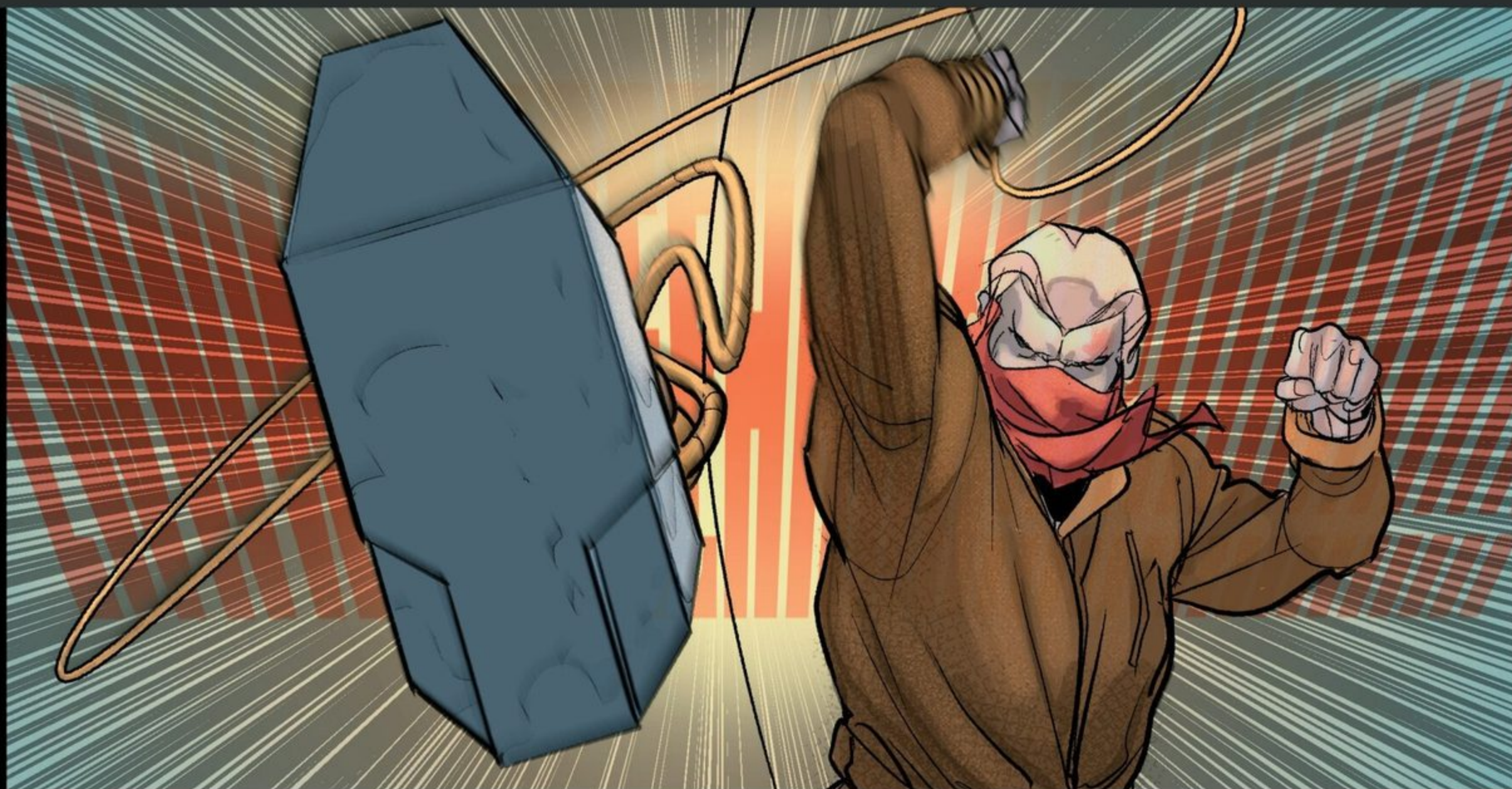


THIS WORLD IS WHAT YOU CAN TAKE AND WHO YOU CAN HURT.

NOTHING ELSE.



WHUH...?





YOU.

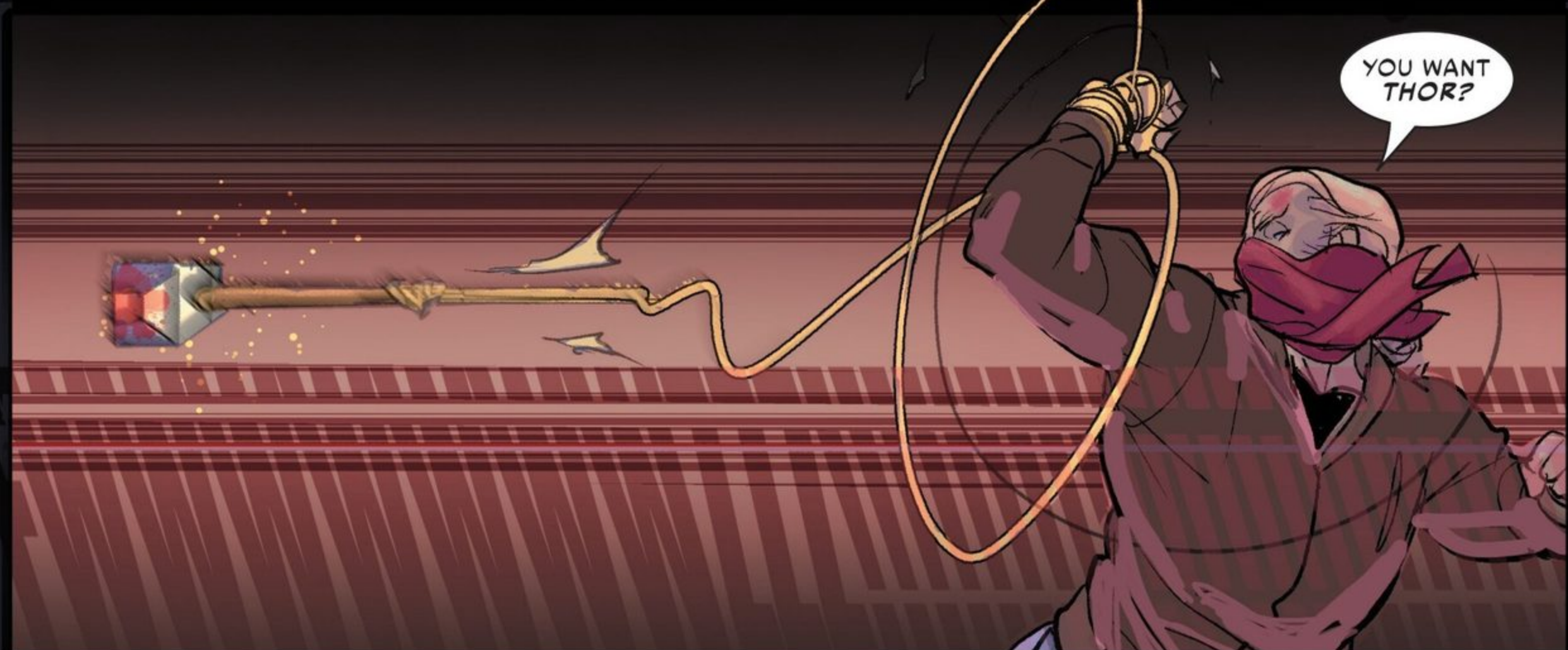


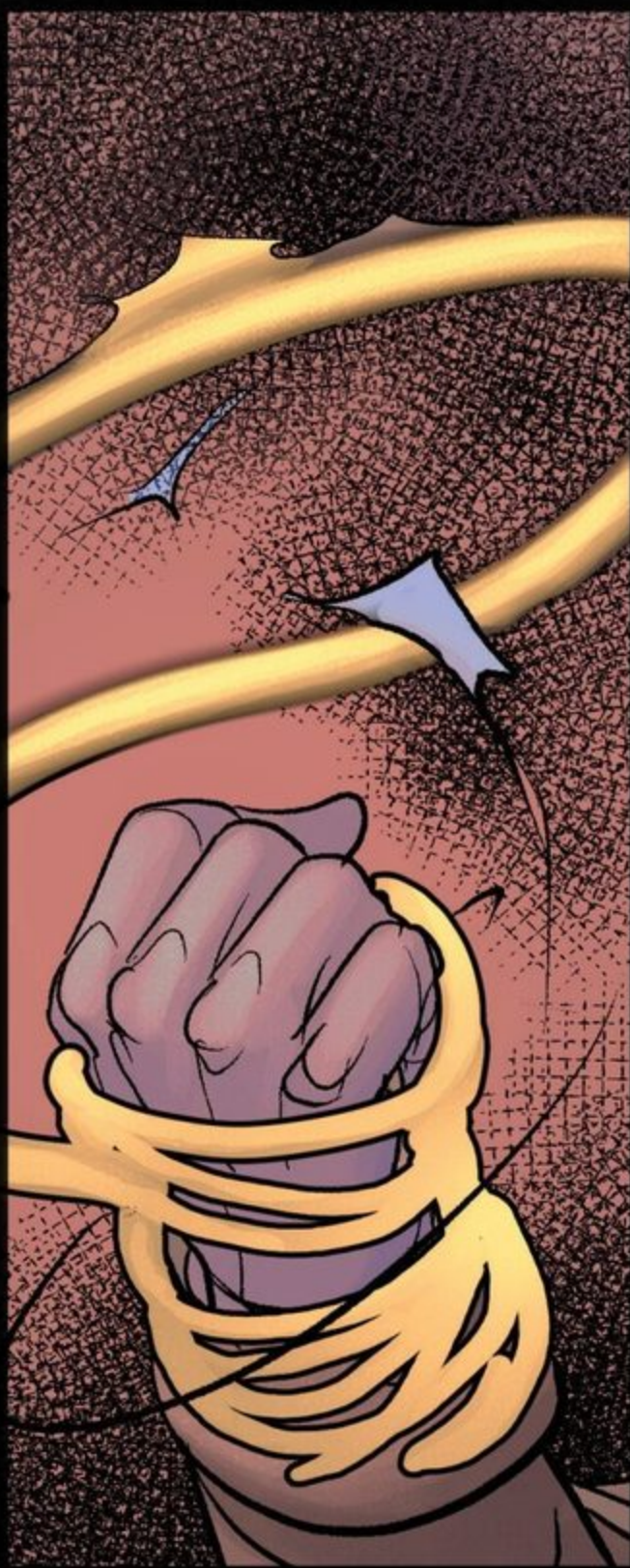
YOU TALK OF KILLING
MY FRIENDS. TAKING
ALL I HAVE.

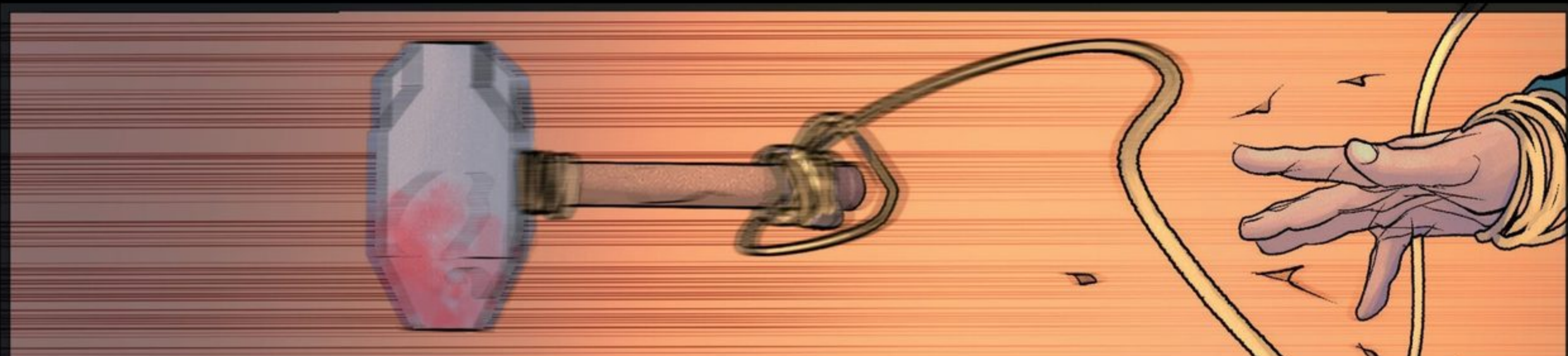
I HAVE NOT
SO MANY FRIENDS.
AND NOT SO MUCH TO
TAKE. IF I EVER HAD
A LIFE, I FORGET
WHAT IT WAS.



BUT
I REMEMBER
WHAT I KNOW
OF THOR.







HURK

BOSS--
HOLY GOD, THE
BOSS--

YOU
SON OF
A--







--AND THAT'S WHEN HE CALLED ME.



SO I CALLED MY HEAD OFFICE BACK AT ROXXON, THEY GAVE ME YOUR NUMBER... HERE WE ARE.

APPARENTLY YOU'RE THE GUY.

"THE GUY"?

YEAH. THE GUY I *SHOULD* HAVE COME TO FOR SECURITY INSTEAD OF BRINGING COUSIN MITCH INTO IT. THE GUY WHO HANDLES THE, UH, UNCONVENTIONAL OPTIONS.



THE HEAD OF THE SNAKE OR WHATEVER... LOOK, I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH I CAN SAY ON THE PHONE...

IT'S A VERY SECURE LINE.



BUT YOU'RE *RIGHT*. I AM, AS YOU SAY, THE HEAD OF THE SNAKE. IN FACT, I'M THE ENTIRE *SERPENT*.

BUT LET'S NOT STAND ON *CEREMONY*, MR. HENNESSEY.



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NEXT ISSUE:



SNAKES IN THE GRASS!

- Roxxon Construction has a vigilante problem.
- But whoever this "Thor" is, they know he's only human...and the people they've hired to find him are much, much more.
- Somewhere in the city, a man with a hammer is being hunted...

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